

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004, and the references cited therewith. Claims 2 and 3 are amended and claim 1 is canceled. As a result, claims 2-48 and 50-53 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration of the rejections and the claims is respectfully solicited.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Richley (U.S. Patent No. 5,223,755). Claim 1 has been deleted thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has done this by amending claims 2 and 3 to add the limitations of the base claim 1 which has made claims 2 and 3 independent method claims. Claim 4 remains dependent upon claim 3 but is now believed to be allowable since claim 4 depends upon allowed independent method claim 3.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 5-48 and 50-53.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6904 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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